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- 1. ALTHOUGH THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES WERE APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FEB 9 (REFTEL), THE SPANISH SIDE IS NOW SUGGESTING THE ADDITION OF LANGUAGE PROVIDING, AS HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE OTHER TWO NONMILITARY COMMITTEES, FOR A SPANISH SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE.
- 2. THE SPANISH SECRETARY WOULD BE ANTONIO BELLVER OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, WHO WAS THE SPANISH NOTETAKER AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 3. BARRING OBJECTION FROM THE DEPT, WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCOMMODATE THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MAKING THIS RETRO-ACTIVE CHANGE TO THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES, WHICH IS DESIRED BY THE MINISTRY BOTH FOR REASONS OF CONSISTENCY AMONG THE JOINT COMMITTEES AND TO ENHANCE THE POSITION OF THE PARTICULAR OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY DOING THIS WORK.
- 4. THE REVISION WOULD INVOLVE:
- (A) THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH FOLLOWING THE PARAGRAPH ON FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AND PRECEDING THE FINAL PARAGRAPH ON REPORTS AND RECORDS: BEGIN TEXT: UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT COMMITTEE SECRETARY:: AN OFFICER OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHALL ACT AS SECRETARY TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE. THIS OFFICER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL. END TEXT. (B) AMENDMENT OF THE FINAL SUB-PARAGRPAH ON REPORTS AND RECORDS TO READ: BEGIN TEXT: PREPARATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE PREPARATION OF COMMITTEE RECORDS AND REPORTS TO THE

COUNCIL SHALL BE HANDLED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY. END TEXT. STABLER

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